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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Christine Chen et al.

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SUPPLY PLAN USED BY AN  
AVAILABLE-TO-PROMISE SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 10 of this paper.